

Remarks

Claims 1-52 were pending in this application. Claims 3, 14, 16, 33-37, 41-43 and 51 were objected to as presenting allowable subject matter but dependent from rejected base claims. Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15, 17-32, 38-40, 44-50 and 52 were rejected.

Summary of amendments

Applicant has amended claims 1, 13 and 49 to incorporate the limitations of objected claims 2-3, 14 and 50-51, respectively. Accordingly, those claims are now allowable. Claim 1 has been further amended to substitute “the customer” for “a customer” per the Examiner’s request. Claims 2-3, 14, 16, 32-34, 37, 41 and 50-51 have been canceled. New claims 53-57 have been added herein. Claim 53 corresponds to original claim 16. Claim 54 corresponds to original claim 33. Claim 55 corresponds to original claim 34. Claim 56 corresponds to original claim 37. Claim 57 corresponds to original claim 41. In addition, Applicant has amended intervening dependent claims to depend from now new allowable base claims. Accordingly, claim 35 has been amended to depend from claim 55, and claim 42 has been amended to depend from claim 57. Claim 52 has been amended to depend from claim 49.

Because claims 1, 13, 55 and 57 are patentable, claims 4-12, 15, 17-31, 35-36, 38-40 and 42-48 are patentable as dependent from patentable base claims. *See* MPEP § 2143.03; *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment herein demonstrates Applicants’ preference for particular language and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, are not intended

to be amendments related to patentability. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments herein merely add language of equivalent scope, and that nothing herein is intended to narrow the scope of any of the claims.

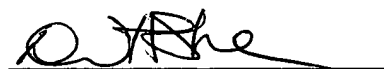
A Fee Calculation Sheet is enclosed herewith along with payment for the five (5) new independent claims. A check for \$1,250.00 is enclosed as payment for the additional claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and such fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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